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SUBJ: FOREIGN RELATIONS OF PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY
GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIET-NAM

1. QUESTION OF RECOGNITION OF PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT (PRG) IS EXPECTED TO BE RAISED HERE SOON. AS IT IS COMMUNIST OR AT LEAST COMMUNIST DOMINATED, SAUDIS WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY REFUSE RECOGNITION.

2. STATUS OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR NGUYEN PHUOC DON IS AMBIGUOUS. HE WILL ASK TO STAY ON IN JIDDA "FOR AWHILE" AND I INTEND TO SUPPORT HIS REQUEST. I WILL ALSO SUGGEST THAT THE SAUDIS MIGHT PROVIDE HIM WITH THE CASH TO LEAVE WITH DIGNITY. I AM SURE THEY WILL COME THROUGH.

3. AMBASSADOR DON AND FAMILY (WIFE AND FOUR CHILDREN - ALL HERE) WILL ALSO APPLY FOR IMMIGRATION TO US. WE WILL HANDLE THIS REQUEST IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT INSTRUCTIONS. ONLY OTHER SOUTH VIETNAMESE DIPLOMAT IS MARRIED TO AMERICAN AND HAS NO VISA PROBLEM. VIETNAMESE CLERK WILL RETURN TO SAIGON.

4. AMBASSADOR DON IS DISTRAUGHT, DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HE
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WOULD DO IN U.S. (HE IS HIGHLY EDUCATED LAWYER; WAS PRO-

FESSION AT LAW FACULTY IN SAIGON BEFORE ENTERING FOREIGN SERVICE) AND IS CONSIDERING OPENING RESTAURANT IN U.S. OR HERE. NEEDLESS TO ADD, HE HAS NO EXPERIENCE IN THIS FIELD.

5. THERE ARE FIVE VIETNAMESE STUDENTS STUDYING HERE, ONE OF WHOM HAS ALREADY SAID HE WANTS TO IMMIGRATE TO THE U.S. THERE WILL BE NO PROBLEM IN THEIR CONTINUING THEIR STUDIES HERE. THERE ARE ALSO A NUMBER OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE EMPLOYED HERE OR MARRIED TO PERSONS WORKING IN SAUDI ARABIA.

6. QUESTION OF HUMANITARIAN AID FOR SOUTH VIET-NAM HAD BEEN RAISED WITH SAUDIS EARLIER. THEY WERE RECEPTIVE BUT SITUATION OBVIOUSLY DIFFERENT NOW.

7. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. WIL UN OR UN SPECIAL AGENCIES PROPOSE AID FOR

1) RECONSTRUCTION IN SOUTH VIET-NAM OR

2) RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES?

B. WHAT IS THE CURRENT U.S. POSITION ON BOTH POINTS?

C. WHAT POSITION SHOULD I TAKE WITH THE SAUDIS ON BOTH?
(THEY WILL TAKE AS IMMIGRANTS ONLY MOSLEMS AND I UNDER-
STAND THERE ARE VERY FEW IF ANY AMONG THEM WHO HAVE
ESCAPED SO FAR). THE SAUDIS VERY LIKELY WILL FOLLOW OUR
LEAD ON AID REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS.
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